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Harold:

Jack Iams said you asked about MAP last Friday. Here is an update.

I have been doing three things:

a. Reviewing where we are and what is desired. This is taking most of my time. The primary goal is a priority ordering of computer projects, hopefully by a consensus of M&S Office Directors. I want to make these recommendations to you sometime the week of 4 September. There may be two or three tough issues for you to resolve at that time. I would like to handle the Data Access Center question separately, again looking for a consensus, then getting to you around the middle of the month. About this time I will also recommend to the Office Directors the disposition of the non-OJCS careerists detailed to us for MAP.

b. Generating and testing procedures to improve MAP communication and management. A draft policy on OJCS change control, called scheduled program maintenance, is out for comment. Monthly program reviews are underway with OL and OF. The project management function in our new Applications Division is being set up -- not without some pain. There are short discussions on MAP each Tuesday after your morning meeting. I am holding to my practice of not bypassing Office Directors in talking with you about MAP (this note will go to them).

c. Reviewing our hardware/software situation. Our early experience with GIMS in an operational situation (CENBAD -- central badging) is not good. Response time is not satisfactory and we continue to have hardware problems -- disk storage and terminal interface units primarily. [] is getting on top of these problems. He is improving our diagnostic procedures and has started measuring system activity. A bigger question is looming: Will GIMS operating on the installed computers be able to handle the anticipated central processor and input/output load? We know that "tuning" GIMS will help dramatically, but maybe not enough. We are attacking this as an internal problem, but it may require a relook at requirements, budgets, etc.

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Cooperation from everyone in the Directorate has been excellent. Problems have been addressed head-on, help has been volunteered, answers come promptly. I have no issues for you -- yet. So far, no news can be interpreted as good news.



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